Abe Lincoln Pays a Visit to Abe Lincoln

By MC3 James R. Evans Penny Press staff

USS Abraham Lincoln Sailors were paid a visit this week by the ship's namesake, the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln.

Dr. Gene Griessman, a best selling author, former television host, and professional Lincoln actor visited Lincoln this week to meet the crew of the warship that bears Lincoln's name and to perform his unique brand of motivational speaking.

During his time on board, Griessman, portraying Lincoln, delivered the Gettysburg Address and gave an hour-long seminar to the entire crew about the lessons they can learn from President Abraham Lincoln. Dr. Griessman also presented Lincoln's Commanding Officer, Captain C.A. McCawley with a (bronze) bust of President Lincoln that he sculpted himself.

"This is something I've looked forward to doing for a long time," Griessman said. "Coming to this ship is definitely something that I felt was important."

Griessman has been performing as Lincoln since 1990 when he debuted his much-heralded one-man play "Lincoln Live." Griessman said that the idea to portray Lincoln came to him during his time as host of the TBS television show "Up-Close" when he interviewed a number of highly successful people who all attributed their success to the same set of factors.

"No matter who I talked to, whether it was Ray Charles or Ronald Regan, I got the same answers when I asked them why they thought they were successful," Griessman said. "So I wrote a book and did speaking tours and then I got this idea; why don't I choose an individual that



Dr. Gene Griessman delivers the Gettysburg Address while portraying Abraham Lincoln before members of the crew on the flight deck of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Monday. Griessman, an author, former television host, and professional Lincoln actor visited Lincoln this week to meet the crew of the warship that bears the President's name and to perform his unique brand of motivational speaking.

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Re-opened SAM Offers Peace, Quiet, and Art Galore

By MCSN KATHLEEN CORONA Penny Press Travel Correspondent

If Lake Chelan is too far of a drive for you, there are many great places to visit in the Puget Sound area. For instance, the Seattle Art Museum (SAM) is a great place to spend a day.

Located at 1300 First Avenue in downtown Seattle, the new and expanded SAM Down-

town is now open and showcasing more of SAM's permanent collection. The SAM brings the best exhibitions from all around the word to Seattle.

The SAM exhibits highlights from its collection of over 23,000 objects from various cultures such as: African, European, Islamic, ancient Mediterranean, American, Australian, Oceanic and Asian art, modern and contemporary art and Native American art.

The museum offers gallery tours to help visitors make the most of their experience. The tours are insightful and critical.

"Sightseeing at the SAM" focuses on the architecture of the newly expanded museum and its collections. It is offered Tuesday through Sunday at 1 p.m. and twice on Thursday at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

"Highlights from the Collection" show-

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Dr. Griessman speaks to USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) crew inside the ship's hangar bay during his "Lincoln Live" seminar Tuesday.

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embodies those ideas and do a one-man play."

As a professional "portrayer" of Lincoln, Griessman takes his craft very seriously. Besides altering his appearance (Dr. Greissman is a clean-shaven man with gray hair), he also spends at least an hour before each performance "getting into character," adopting, he says, not only the mannerisms of the president, but also his mindset to create a totally believable visage of the Great Emancipator.

"I really do feel like I become Lincoln when I'm out there—I'm thinking like

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cases the outstanding works and new acquisitions in the SAM's global collections. It is Tuesday through Sunday at 2 p.m.

Of course the SAM showcases some of the most beautiful and sometimes controversial pieces of art within its walls.

From Andy Warhol, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Jackson Pollack to Mary Cassatt and even a bust of the Roman Emperor Claudius there is something for every art fan in the SAM.

The SAM offers such a variety of art and different styles that it's almost impossible to become bored inside the museum. The newly renovated building is very open and free flowing, keeping "traffic jams" at certain exhibits to a minimum.

Parking near the SAM is much like that

he thought and speaking like he spoke," Griessman said. "I wanted the crew to believe that Lincoln was standing there in front of them."

Besides the opportunity to see the long-dead President "live," Greissman said that he hopes to impress upon Lincoln's crew the essential message of Abraham Lincoln; a belief in your own ability to accomplish great things.

"What I've done is use the persona of Abraham Lincoln and turned him into a motivational speaker," Greissman said. "Every one of us started out with more than Lincoln did; he went on from a one-room log cabin and only a year of formal schooling to write the Gettysburg Address and to become the greatest president in American history."

Griessman is the author of "Achievement Factors," "Time Tactics of Very Successful People," "The Words Lincoln Lived By: 52 Timeless Principles to Light Your Path," "99 Ways to Get More Out of Your Every Day," and the audio book "The Inspirational Words of Abraham Lincoln." He is the Winner of the Kay

anywhere in downtown Seattle. Sometimes a spot will seem to magically appear right on the street, other times you're forced to find a parking garage in the area and pay up to \$12 to park and hike up or downhill to the museum.

The museum itself is moderately priced. One-time entry is \$13 for adults and \$7 for students. Annual memberships are available for an individual or family starting at \$60 to \$4,999.

Morale Welfare and Recreation on board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) will rebate 25 percent of the ticket prices for Lincoln Sailors when they bring in their receipt.

If a day spent around beautiful art is what you're looking for, the Seattle Art Museum is definitely a place to visit.

Herman legacy Award and his award-winning television productions have aired on WCNN and TBS. He has performed his one-man play on Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theatre and in front of large audiences at the Georgia Dome and the Ice Palace as well as conducted seminars all over the world



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Dr. Griessman portrays Abraham Lincoln during his recitation of the Gettysburg Address inside USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) hangar bay.

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There's No Room in My Navy for Drug Abusers

By FORCM (SW) JEFF VANDERVORT Special to the Penny Press

What we do, even routinely, is inherently dangerous and doing what we can to decrease that risk is every Sailor's responsibility. There should be no doubt in your mind that the Sailors around you are ready to do their job and keep you safe. Knowing your job, leading a healthy lifestyle and getting enough rest are only part of it.

Of all the threats we face today, one of the gravest comes

from within - drug abuse. Using illegal drugs or even legal ones wrongfully could dull your senses, alter your behavior and awareness, which in turn can potentially get someone injured or even worse, killed.

We are the world's finest Navy with the brightest Sailors running the most sophisticated equipment. There's simply no room in my Navy for drug abusers.

Former CNO Admiral Thomas B. Hayward put it best when he said "Not in my squadron, not on my ship and not in my Navy!" As the force master chief for Naval Network Warfare

Command, I'm responsible for the training and equipping of about 22,000 Sailors and civilians world-wide. The services they provide and information they gather are so vital that lives are at risk if we don't get it right. Obviously, those under my charge need to have their "head in the game" at all times, as does everyone who serves this great nation.

What's the Navy's policy on illegal drugs/wrongful use? Zero tolerance. That means we discipline as appropriate for even the tiniest amounts found, whether from urinalysis results, drug-sniffing dogs or other means.

To be clear, for those caught, the penalties are severe. Any

accused will face non-judicial punishment (Captain's/Admiral's Mast) for prosecution under Article 112a of the UCMJ - Wrongful use, possession, etc., of controlled substances. If the case goes to a General Courts Martial, a simple one-time use can result in a bad conduct discharge and up to five years imprisonment. Even at NJP the member faces confinement, plus lost wages of up to several thousand dollars from fines/reduction in rate.

Additionally, under zero tolerance, a member would be processed for administrative separation, which could result in an

"Other Than Honorable Discharge," and forfeiture of any educational benefits. Plus, the Navy will recoup any Selected Reenlistment or Career Status Bonuses. Good luck to anyone trying to explain all this when looking for their next job.

Before processing, all abusers will be screened by the Drug and Alcohol Program advisor and Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program advisor. The Navy offers treatment if found physiologically dependent on illegal substances.

So, what counts as illegal use? It's use or possession of a controlled substance, or wrongful use of a legal prescription medication.

For the drugs that are just plain illegal, there's heroin, ecstasy MDMA (3,4 methylenedioxymethamphetamine), GHB, Rohypnol, ketamine, and LSD (lysergic diethylamide). Drugs that have medical uses in the United States but also a high potential for abuse include cocaine, methamphetamines, and marijuana.

Among the prescription medications often used wrongfully are the painkillers OxyContin, Vicodin, or Demerol; depressants like Valium or Xanax; and stimulants like Ritalin,

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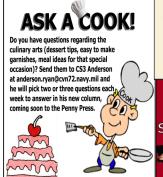


June 8, 1830

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Local News & Entertainment

"Knocked-Up" Delivers Laughs and Babies

By MCSN Joseph Scarberry Penny Press Movie Correspondent

Alison Scott (Katherine Heigl), an entertainment reporter on

the very horizon of her career goes to celebrate her promotion with her sister Debbie (Leslie Mann). She meets and decides to have a one-night stand with slacker Ben Stone (Seth Rogen). One thing leads to another, and eight weeks later, things become interesting.

First and foremost, the cast is brilliant. Almost every important face in the film can be linked to the movie "40 Year Old Virgin," and those that aren't still deliver performances on par with the rest of the crew.

Seth Rogen, Paul Rudd (Debbie's husband, Pete), and Leslie Mann were all parts of "40 Year Old Virgin's" astounding cast.

Among the new faces was Katherine Heigl, who starred recently in "The Ringer" with Johnny Knoxville.

Two other pleasant faces to see were Harold Ramis and Alan Tudyk. Harold Ramis is likely to be most well known as Dr. Egon Spengler, from the "Ghostbusters" movies. Alan Tudyk is known from a number of films, including "Ice Age," "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" and "Serenity."

Judd Apatow, "Knocked Up's" writer, director, and producer, helps guide the cast to another brilliant performance as he's done in the past with other films, including "40 Year Old Virgin," "Fun With Dick And Jane" and "Talledega Nights: The Ballad

of Ricky Bobby."

Movie viewers couldn't ask more from the story. It was brilliant, well thought-out, made perfect sense, and it was hilarious. It was well written and the comedy wasn't forced upon the audience. Despite this fact, the film isn't family friendly. It is chock full of drug abuse, sexual innuendo, and foul language.

Overall, the movie is entertaining, funny, and directly to the point. All of the actors and actresses involved were on point and funny. The story remained solid, which is quite a feat for comedies. This is a

movie I would definitely recommend seeing in the theaters, if you enjoy the silver screen appearance and atmosphere.











Four ripe Scarberries for this hilarious comedy about what happens when your forget to wear protection.

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Dexedrine and Adderall.

There's also steroids: anabolic (for body building) and androgenic (for muscular characteristics), both available legally only by prescription.

To keep out of trouble, simply stay away from illegal drugs and don't use the legal ones wrongfully.

But what if they find you, i.e., accidental ingestion? For example, you're at home, you wake up in the morning and your back hurts from an injury that's been diagnosed. You're sleepy, your vision is blurry and, jeez - your back is just killing you! You reach for your prescription Naproxen, and without thinking, you grab your wife's pain pills. Before you know it, you just swallowed one, and - oh by the way - they're made with codeine. You're probably thinking, "My career is down the tubes! Now what?"

The ingestion must be reported to the chain of command as soon as possible so the commanding officer can open an investigation. The commanding officer may find that the medication that was accidentally swallowed was in fact, by accident after all, and take action to keep the member clear of legal proceedings.

If that's accidental use of prescription medications, what's

wrongful?

First of all - they're only to be used by the person the medication is prescribed for -- and no one else. That means no sharing, not even Motrin! Anyone testing positive on a urinalysis for a medication that hasn't been prescribed for could be charged with wrongful use under UCMJ Article 112a.

Secondly - they're not to be used outside the prescribed period. If there's leftover Vicodin at home from last year's back pain, and now your knee's hurting, don't pop the Vicodin! Most likely, the prescribed period has elapsed. Taking them now could lead to a chargeable offense under Article 112a. (Don't go by the expiration date on the bottle - it's what the doctor tells you that counts.)

To be safe, go see the doctor again for the new problem and get a new prescription. The best place for old medications - return them to the pharmacy for proper disposal. (Dumping medications down the toilet is not recommended since they could find their way into the environment.) If thrown in the trash, they could be retrieved by a desperate abuser, or worse -- eaten by a pet or child.

When it comes to illegal/wrongful use, common sense applies. If it's illegal, stay away from it. If it's not yours, don't touch it. If it's yours, use as directed and don't share it. Keep this in mind and you'll be at the top of your game.

Local Stories



Shipmates

The strength of a warship lies in the hearts and hands of its crew.



USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) Commanding Officer, Captain C.A. McCawley addresses 128 Petty Officer 3rd Class selectees during Lincoln's Petty Officer Indoctrination course held at the Naval Base Kitsap Bremerton Concourse West Gym. A total of 215 new 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class petty officers completed their indoctrination courses this week and were frocked for their new rates Thursday.

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USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Frockees

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Editor's Top 10

Top ten "mad props" for Abe Lincoln...

- 10. He's the only reason Bill and Ted passed high school...
- 9. Who else could rock a beard like that?
- 8. He was really a coneheaded alien and hid it with the top hat.
- 7. He "did not have sexual relations with that woman."
- 6. He pulled rabbits out of his hat at parties.
- 5. He could breakdance, but only on special occasions.
- 4. He pioneered the "Four Score and Seven Years" unit of measurement now commonly known as "back in the day."
- 3. After freeing the slaves, saving the union, and seeing us through a bloody civil war, he still found the time to take his wife out to a show.
- 2. On second thought, maybe he should've stayed home and watched football instead...
- 1. The way he struts around the ship, you'd think his name was on it or something.